



Docket No.: 55071-129

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of

: Customer Number: 20277

Bruce SMITH

: Confirmation Number: 1516

Serial No.: 10/083,694

: Group Art Unit: 2851

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: Examiner: Peter B. Kim

For: AN OPTICAL PROXIMITY CORRECTION METHOD UTILIZING GRAY BARS AS
SUB-RESOLUTION ASSIST FEATURES

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Response
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 1, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejection for the following reasons.